

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For:

CLEAR AQUEOUS CERAMIDE COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding rejection of August 14, 2002, three times extended to February 14, 2003, by an appropriate three month petition for extension of time and fee submitted herewith, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

A2

1. (Amended) A clear aqueous ceramide composition consisting essentially of (A) 1.0 to

5.0% by weight, based on the total composition, of a ceramide represented by formula (I):

OH HR,

(I)